

November 20, 2002

Tom Ryan  
Bureau of Reclamation  
125 S. State Street  
Salt Lake City, Ut 84138-1147

**Re: Proposed Supplement to 2002 Colorado River Annual Operating Plan**

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Palo Verde Irrigation District ("PVID") objects to the proposed Supplement on the basis that the Supplement implies that PVID's pending request for additional Colorado River water exceeds PVID's entitlement, and on the basis that the Supplement states that acceptance of additional Colorado River Water by PVID is to be deemed an obligation by PVID to compensate in future years for such alleged overuse.

PVID's Water Delivery Contract establishes a first priority to such water as may be required by lands in PVID, and by the lands between PVID and the Colorado River. Any alleged overuse is attributable to lower priority users and any compensation must be limited to those users.

Very truly yours,

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